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IMPACT FEES AMENDMENTS
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill modifies provisions relating to impact fees.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
• expands a requirement for a capital facilities plan to include private water providers
that impose impact fees;
removes language limiting application of a capital facilities plan notice requirement
to land within a county of the first or second class;
 requires certain notices to be given to certain private construction and real estate
entities;
 modifies a provision requiring notice to be given of a local political subdivision's
independent capital facilities plan;
• expands a provision requiring an impact fee analysis with respect to the imposition of
impact fees to apply to private water providers;
 requires notice to be provided before a local political subdivision or private water
provider may prepare or contract to prepare the required impact fee analysis;
 makes certain capital facilities plan requirements applicable to amendments to a
capital facilities plan;
 modifies a provision that requires a copy of an impact fee enactment to be available
to the public and that requires notice of the impact fee enactment;
 requires impact fee enactments to allow a developer to receive a credit or
proportionate reimbursement of an impact fee for land, improvements, or

30	construction that the developer is required to provide in excess of requirements for the project;
31	 includes private water providers in other impact fee provisions;
32	 prohibits an impact fee enactment from taking effect until 90 days after it is enacted;
33	and
34	 makes technical changes.
35	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
36	None
37	Other Special Clauses:
38	None
39	Utah Code Sections Affected:
40	AMENDS:
41	11-36-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 329
42	11-36-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 329
43	11-36-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 329
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45	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
46	Section 1. Section 11-36-102 is amended to read:
47	11-36-102. Definitions.
48	As used in this chapter:
49	(1) "Building permit fee" means the fees charged to enforce the uniform codes adopted
50	pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 56, Utah Uniform Building Standards Act, that are not greater
51	than the fees indicated in the appendix to the International Building Code.
52	(2) "Capital facilities plan" means the plan required by Section 11-36-201.
53	(3) "Development activity" means any construction or expansion of a building,
54	structure, or use, any change in use of a building or structure, or any changes in the use of land
55	that creates additional demand and need for public facilities.
56	(4) "Development approval" means any written authorization from a local political
57	subdivision that authorizes the commencement of development activity.

58	(5) "Enactment" means:
59	(a) a municipal ordinance, for [municipalities] a municipality;
60	(b) a county ordinance, for [counties] a county; and
61	(c) a governing board resolution, for <u>a</u> local [districts or] district, special service
62	[districts] district, or private entity.
63	(6) "Hookup fees" means reasonable fees, not in excess of the approximate average
64	costs to the political subdivision, for services provided for and directly attributable to the
65	connection to utility services, including gas, water, sewer, power, or other municipal, county,
66	local district, or special service district utility services.
67	(7) (a) "Impact fee" means a payment of money imposed upon development activity as
68	a condition of development approval.
69	(b) "Impact fee" does not mean a tax, a special assessment, a building permit fee, a
70	hookup fee, a fee for project improvements, or other reasonable permit or application fee.
71	(8) (a) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a local district
72	under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Local Districts, or a special
73	service district under Title 17A, Chapter 2, Part 13, Utah Special Service District Act.
74	(b) "Local political subdivision" does not mean \underline{a} school [districts] district, whose
75	impact fee activity is governed by Section 53A-20-100.5.
76	(9) "Private entity" means an entity with private ownership that provides culinary water
77	that is required to be used as a condition of development.
78	(10) (a) "Project improvements" means site improvements and facilities that are:
79	(i) planned and designed to provide service for development resulting from a
80	development activity; and
81	(ii) necessary for the use and convenience of the occupants or users of development
82	resulting from a development activity.
83	(b) "Project improvements" does not mean system improvements.
84	(11) "Proportionate share" means the cost of public facility improvements that are

roughly proportionate and reasonably related to the service demands and needs of any

86	development activity.
87	(12) "Public facilities" means only the following capital facilities that have a life
88	expectancy of ten or more years and are owned or operated by or on behalf of a local political
89	subdivision or private entity:
90	(a) water rights and water supply, treatment, and distribution facilities;
91	(b) wastewater collection and treatment facilities;
92	(c) storm water, drainage, and flood control facilities;
93	(d) municipal power facilities;
94	(e) roadway facilities;
95	(f) parks, recreation facilities, open space, and trails; and
96	(g) public safety facilities.
97	(13) (a) "Public safety facility" means:
98	(i) a building constructed or leased to house police, fire, or other public safety entities;
99	or
100	(ii) a fire suppression vehicle with a ladder reach of at least 75 feet, costing in excess of
101	\$1,250,000, that is necessary for fire suppression in commercial areas with one or more
102	buildings at least five stories high.
103	(b) "Public safety facility" does not mean a jail, prison, or other place of involuntary
104	incarceration.
105	(14) (a) "Roadway facilities" means streets or roads that have been designated on an
106	officially adopted subdivision plat, roadway plan, or general plan of a political subdivision,
107	together with all necessary appurtenances.
108	(b) "Roadway facilities" includes associated improvements to federal or state roadways
109	only when the associated improvements:
110	(i) are necessitated by the new development; and
111	(ii) are not funded by the state or federal government.
112	(c) "Roadway facilities" does not mean federal or state roadways.

(15) (a) "Service area" means a geographic area designated by a local political

114	subdivision on the basis of sound planning or engineering principles in which a defined set of
115	public facilities provide service within the area.
116	(b) "Service area" may include the entire local political subdivision.
117	(16) (a) "System improvements" means:
118	(i) existing public facilities that are designed to provide services to service areas within
119	the community at large; and
120	(ii) future public facilities identified in a capital facilities plan that are intended to
121	provide services to service areas within the community at large.
122	(b) "System improvements" does not mean project improvements.
123	Section 2. Section 11-36-201 is amended to read:
124	11-36-201. Impact fees Analysis Capital facilities plan Notice of plan
125	Summary Exemptions.
126	(1) (a) Each local political subdivision and private entity shall comply with the
127	requirements of this chapter before establishing or modifying any impact fee.
128	(b) A local political subdivision may not:
129	(i) establish any new impact fees that are not authorized by this chapter; or
130	(ii) impose or charge any other fees as a condition of development approval unless
131	those fees are a reasonable charge for the service provided.
132	(c) Notwithstanding any other requirements of this chapter, each local political
133	subdivision shall ensure that each existing impact fee that is charged for any public facility not
134	authorized by Subsection 11-36-102(12) is repealed by July 1, 1995.
135	(d) (i) Existing impact fees that a local political subdivision charges for public facilities
136	authorized in Subsection 11-36-102(12) [that are charged by local political subdivisions] need
137	not comply with the requirements of this chapter until July 1, 1997.
138	(ii) By July 1, 1997, each local political subdivision shall:
139	(A) review any impact fees in existence as of the effective date of this act, and prepare
140	and approve the analysis required by this section for each of those impact fees; and
141	(B) ensure that the impact fees comply with the requirements of this chapter.

142	(2) (a) Before imposing impact fees, each local political subdivision and private entity
143	shall, except as provided in Subsection (2)(f), prepare a capital facilities plan.
144	(b) (i) As used in this Subsection (2)(b):
145	(A) (I) "Affected entity" means each county, municipality, local district under Title 17B,
146	Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Local Districts, special service district under Title
147	17A, Chapter 2, Part 13, Utah Special Service District Act, school district, interlocal
148	cooperation entity established under Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, and specified
149	public utility:
150	(Aa) whose services or facilities are likely to require expansion or significant
151	modification because of the facilities proposed in the proposed capital facilities plan; or
152	(Bb) that has filed with the local political subdivision or private entity a copy of the
153	general or long-range plan of the county, municipality, local district, special service district,
154	school district, interlocal cooperation entity, or specified public utility.
155	(II) "Affected entity" does not include the local political subdivision or private entity
156	that is required under this Subsection (2) to provide notice.
157	(B) "Specified public utility" means an electrical corporation, gas corporation, or
158	telephone corporation, as those terms are defined in Section 54-2-1.
159	(ii) Before preparing or amending a capital facilities plan [for facilities proposed on land
160	located within a county of the first or second class], each local political subdivision and each
161	private entity shall provide written notice, as provided in this Subsection (2)(b), of its intent to
162	prepare or amend a capital facilities plan.
163	(iii) Each notice under Subsection (2)(b)(ii) shall:
164	(A) indicate that the local political subdivision or private entity intends to prepare or
165	amend a capital facilities plan;
166	(B) describe or provide a map of the geographic area where the proposed capital
167	facilities will be located;
168	(C) be sent to:
169	(I) each county in whose unincorporated area and each municipality in whose

1/0	boundaries is located the land on which the proposed facilities will be located;
171	(II) each affected entity;
172	(III) the Automated Geographic Reference Center created in Section 63F-1-506;
173	(IV) the association of governments, established pursuant to an interlocal agreement
174	under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, in which the facilities are proposed to
175	be located; [and]
176	(V) the state planning coordinator appointed under Section 63-38d-202; [and]
177	(VI) the registered agent of the Utah Home Builders Association;
178	(VII) the registered agent of the Utah Association of Realtors; and
179	(VIII) the registered agent of the Utah Chapter of the Associated General Contractors
180	of America; and
181	(D) with respect to the notice to <u>an</u> affected [entities] entity, invite the affected
182	[entities] entity to provide information for the local political subdivision or private entity to
183	consider in the process of preparing, adopting, and implementing or amending a capital facilities
184	plan concerning:
185	(I) impacts that the facilities proposed in the capital facilities plan may have on the
186	affected entity; and
187	(II) facilities or uses of land that the affected entity is planning or considering that may
188	conflict with the facilities proposed in the capital facilities plan.
189	(c) The plan shall identify:
190	(i) demands placed upon existing public facilities by new development activity; and
191	(ii) the proposed means by which the local political subdivision will meet those
192	demands.
193	(d) [Municipalities and counties] A municipality or county need not prepare a separate
194	capital facilities plan if the general plan required by [Sections] Section 10-9a-401 [and] or
195	17-27a-401, respectively, contains the elements required by Subsection (2)(c).
196	(e) (i) If a local political subdivision [prepares] chooses to prepare an independent
197	capital facilities plan rather than [including] include a capital facilities element in the general

198	plan, the local political subdivision shall[,]:
199	(A) before preparing or contracting to prepare or amending or contracting to amend the
200	independent capital facilities plan, send written notice:
201	<u>(I) to:</u>
202	(Aa) the registered agent of the Utah Home Builders Association;
203	(Bb) the registered agent of the Utah Association of Realtors; and
204	(Cc) the registered agent of the Utah Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of
205	America;
206	(II) stating the local political subdivision's intent to prepare or amend a capital facilities
207	plan; and
208	(III) inviting each of the notice recipients to participate in the preparation of or
209	amendment to the capital facilities plan; and
210	(B) before adopting or amending the capital facilities plan:
211	[(A)] (I) give public notice of the plan or amendment according to [this] Subsection
212	(2)(e)[; (B)](ii)(A), (B), or (C), as the case may be, at least 14 days before the date of the public
213	hearing[:];
214	[(1)] (II) make a copy of the plan or amendment, together with a summary designed to
215	be understood by a lay person, available to the public; [and]
216	[(III)] (III) place a copy of the plan or amendment and summary in each public library
217	within the local political subdivision; and
218	[(C)] (IV) hold a public hearing to hear public comment on the plan or amendment.
219	(ii) With respect to the public notice required under Subsection (2)(e)(i)(B)(I):
220	[(ii) Municipalities] (A) each municipality shall comply with the notice and hearing
221	requirements of, and, except as provided in Subsection 11-36-401(4)(f), receive the protections
222	of Sections 10-9a-205 and 10-9a-801 and Subsection 10-9a-502(2)[-];
223	[(iii) Counties] (B) each county shall comply with the notice and hearing requirements
224	of, and, except as provided in Subsection 11-36-401(4)(f), receive the protections of Sections
225	17-27a-205 and 17-27a-801 and Subsection 17-27a-502(2)[-]; and

[(iv) Local districts] (C) each local district, special service [districts] district, and
private [entities] entity shall comply with the notice and hearing requirements of, and receive the
protections of, Section 17B-1-111.
[(v)] (iii) Nothing contained in this Subsection (2)(e) or in the subsections referenced in
Subsections (2)(e)(ii)(A) and [(iii)] (B) may be construed to require involvement by a planning
commission in the capital facilities planning process.
(f) (i) [Local] A local political [subdivisions] subdivision with a population or serving a
population of less than 5,000 as of the last federal census need not comply with the capital
facilities plan requirements of this part, but shall ensure that:
(A) the impact fees [imposed by them] that the local political subdivision imposes are
based upon a reasonable plan[:]: and
(B) each applicable notice required by this chapter is given.
(ii) Subsection (2)(f)(i) does not apply to private entities.
(3) In preparing the plan, each local political subdivision shall generally consider all
revenue sources, including impact fees, to finance the impacts on system improvements.
(4) A local political subdivision or private entity may only impose impact fees on
development activities when its plan for financing system improvements establishes that impact
fees are necessary to achieve an equitable allocation to the costs borne in the past and to be
borne in the future, in comparison to the benefits already received and yet to be received.
(5) (a) [Each] Subject to the notice requirement of Subsection (5)(b), each local
political subdivision [imposing impact fees] and private entity intending to impose an impact fee
shall prepare a written analysis of each impact fee that:
(i) identifies the impact on system improvements required by the development activity;
(ii) demonstrates how those impacts on system improvements are reasonably related to
the development activity;
(iii) estimates the proportionate share of the costs of impacts on system improvements
that are reasonably related to the new development activity; and

(iv) based upon those factors and the requirements of this chapter, identifies how the

254	impact fee was calculated.
255	(b) Before preparing or contracting to prepare the written analysis required under
256	Subsection (5)(a), each local political subdivision or private entity shall provide:
257	(i) public notice; and
258	(ii) written notice:
259	(A) to:
260	(I) the registered agent of the Utah Home Builders Association;
261	(II) the registered agent of the Utah Association of Realtors; and
262	(III) the registered agent of the Utah Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of
263	America;
264	(B) indicating the local political subdivision or private entity's intent to prepare or
265	contract to prepare a written analysis of an impact fee; and
266	(C) inviting each notice recipient to participate in the preparation of the written
267	analysis.
268	[(b)] (c) In analyzing whether or not the proportionate share of the costs of public
269	facilities are reasonably related to the new development activity, the local political subdivision
270	or private entity, as the case may be, shall identify, if applicable:
271	(i) the cost of existing public facilities;
272	(ii) the manner of financing existing public facilities, such as user charges, special
273	assessments, bonded indebtedness, general taxes, or federal grants;
274	(iii) the relative extent to which the newly developed properties and [the] other
275	properties [in the municipality] have already contributed to the cost of existing public facilities
276	by such means as user charges, special assessments, or payment from the proceeds of general
277	taxes;
278	(iv) the relative extent to which the newly developed properties and [the] other
279	properties [in the municipality] will contribute to the cost of existing public facilities in the
280	future;
281	(v) the extent to which the newly developed properties are entitled to a credit because

the [municipality is requiring their] local political subdivision or private entity, as the case may
be, requires its developers or owners, by contractual arrangement or otherwise, to provide
common facilities, inside or outside the proposed development, that have been provided by the
[municipality] local political subdivision or private entity, respectively, and financed through
general taxation or other means, apart from user charges, in other parts of the [municipality]
service area;
(vi) extraordinary costs, if any, in servicing the newly developed properties; and
(vii) the time-price differential inherent in fair comparisons of amounts paid at different
times.
[(c)] (d) Each local political subdivision and private entity that prepares a written
analysis under this Subsection (5) on or after July 1, 2000 shall also prepare a summary of the
written analysis, designed to be understood by a lay person.
(6) Each local political subdivision that adopts an impact fee enactment under Section
11-36-202 on or after July 1, 2000 shall, at least 14 days before adopting the enactment, submit
[to each public library within the local political subdivision: (a)] a copy of the written analysis
required by Subsection (5)(a)[;] and [(b)] a copy of the summary required by Subsection
(5)[(c).] <u>(d) to:</u>
(a) each public library within the local political subdivision;
(b) the registered agent of the Utah Home Builders Association;
(c) the registered agent of the Utah Association of Realtors; and
(d) the registered agent of the Utah Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of
America.
(7) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to repeal or otherwise eliminate any
impact fee in effect on the effective date of this chapter that is pledged as a source of revenues
to pay bonded indebtedness that was incurred before the effective date of this chapter.
Section 3. Section 11-36-202 is amended to read:
11-36-202. Impact fees Enactment Required provisions Effective date.
(1) (a) Each local political subdivision and private entity wishing to impose impact fees

310	snan pass an impact fee enactment.
311	(b) The impact fee imposed by that enactment may not exceed the highest fee justified
312	by the impact fee analysis performed pursuant to Section 11-36-201.
313	(c) In calculating the impact fee, [each] a local political subdivision or private entity
314	may include:
315	(i) the construction contract price;
316	(ii) the cost of acquiring land, improvements, materials, and fixtures;
317	(iii) the cost for planning, surveying, and engineering fees for services provided for and
318	directly related to the construction of the system improvements; and
319	(iv) debt service charges, if the political subdivision might use impact fees as a revenue
320	stream to pay the principal and interest on bonds, notes, or other obligations issued to finance
321	the costs of the system improvements.
322	(d) In calculating an impact fee, a local political subdivision may not include an expense
323	for overhead unless the expense is calculated pursuant to a methodology that is consistent with:
324	(i) generally accepted cost accounting practices; and
325	(ii) the methodological standards set forth by the federal Office of Management and
326	Budget for federal grant reimbursement.
327	(e) In calculating an impact fee, each local political subdivision shall base amounts
328	calculated under Subsection (1)(c) on realistic estimates, and the assumptions underlying those
329	estimates shall be disclosed in the impact fee analysis.
330	(f) [In enacting] Each local political subdivision and private entity that intends to enact
331	an impact fee enactment shall:
332	[(i) municipalities shall:]
333	(i) at least 14 days before the date of the public hearing:
334	(A) make a copy of the impact fee enactment available to the public [at least 14 days
335	before the date of the public hearing]; and
336	(B) mail a written copy of the impact fee enactment to:
337	(I) the registered agent of the Utah Home Builders Association;

338	(II) the registered agent of the Utah Association of Realtors; and
339	(III) the registered agent of the Utah Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of
340	America; and
341	[(B)] (ii) (A) for a municipality, comply with the notice and hearing requirements of,
342	and, except as provided in Subsection 11-36-401(4)(f), receive the protections of Sections
343	10-9a-205 and 10-9a-801;
344	[(ii) counties shall:]
345	[(A) make a copy of the impact fee enactment available to the public at least 14 days
346	before the date of the public hearing; and]
347	(B) for a county, comply with the notice and hearing requirements of, and, except as
348	provided in Subsection 11-36-401(4)(f), receive the protections of Sections 17-27a-205 and
349	17-27a-801; and
350	[(iii) local districts and special service districts shall:]
351	[(A) make a copy of the impact fee enactment available to the public at least 14 days
352	before the date of the public hearing; and]
353	[(B)] (C) for a local district or special service district, comply with the notice and
354	hearing requirements of, and receive the protections of, Section 17B-1-111.
355	(g) Nothing contained in Subsection (1)(f) [or in the subsections referenced in
356	Subsections (1)(f)(i)(B) and (ii)(B)] may be construed to require involvement by a planning
357	commission in the impact fee enactment process.
358	(2) The local political subdivision or private entity shall ensure that the impact fee
359	enactment:
360	(a) contains:
361	[(a)] (i) a provision establishing one or more service areas within which [it shall
362	calculate and impose] the local political subdivision or private entity calculates and imposes
363	impact fees for various land use categories;
364	[(b) either:]
365	[(ii) (A) a schedule of impact fees for each type of development activity that

366	specifies the amount of the impact fee to be imposed for each type of system improvement; or
367	[(ii)] (B) the formula that the local political subdivision or private entity, as the case
368	may be, will use to calculate each impact fee;
369	[(c)] (iii) a provision authorizing the local political subdivision or private entity, as the
370	case may be, to adjust the standard impact fee at the time the fee is charged to:
371	$[\frac{(i)}{(A)}]$ respond to unusual circumstances in specific cases; and
372	[(ii)] (B) ensure that the impact fees are imposed fairly; and
373	[(d)] (iv) a provision governing calculation of the amount of the impact fee to be
374	imposed on a particular development that permits adjustment of the amount of the fee based
375	upon studies and data submitted by the developer[:]; and
376	(b) allows a developer to receive a credit against or proportionate reimbursement of an
377	impact fee if:
378	(i) the developer is required by the local political subdivision, as a condition of
379	development activity approval, to:
380	(A) dedicate land for a system improvement;
381	(B) improve a system improvement; or
382	(C) provide new construction for a system improvement;
383	(ii) the system improvement is included in the impact fee analysis; and
384	(iii) the land, improvement, or new construction provides a system improvement that
385	exceeds the requirements for the project.
386	(3) [The] \underline{A} local political subdivision or private entity may include a provision in [the]
387	an impact fee enactment that:
388	(a) exempts low income housing and other development activities with broad public
389	purposes from impact fees and establishes one or more sources of funds other than impact fees
390	to pay for that development activity;
391	(b) imposes an impact fee for public facility costs previously incurred by a local political
392	subdivision or private entity, as the case may be, to the extent that new growth and
393	development will be served by the previously constructed improvement; and

(c) allows a credit against impact fees for any dedication of land for, improvement to, or
new construction of, any system improvements provided by the developer if the facilities:
(i) are identified in the capital facilities plan; and
(ii) are required by the local political subdivision as a condition of approving the
development activity.
(4) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the local political subdivision may not
impose an impact fee to cure deficiencies in public facilities serving existing development.
(5) Notwithstanding the requirements and prohibitions of this chapter, a local political
subdivision may impose and assess an impact fee for environmental mitigation when:
(a) the local political subdivision has formally agreed to fund a Habitat Conservation
Plan to resolve conflicts with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. Sec 1531, et seq.
or other state or federal environmental law or regulation;
(b) the impact fee bears a reasonable relationship to the environmental mitigation
required by the Habitat Conservation Plan; and
(c) the legislative body of the local political subdivision adopts an ordinance or
resolution:
(i) declaring that an impact fee is required to finance the Habitat Conservation Plan;
(ii) establishing periodic sunset dates for the impact fee; and
(iii) requiring the legislative body to:
(A) review the impact fee on those sunset dates;
(B) determine whether or not the impact fee is still required to finance the Habitat
Conservation Plan; and
(C) affirmatively reauthorize the impact fee if the legislative body finds that the impact
fee must remain in effect.
(6) Each political subdivision shall ensure that any existing impact fee for environmental
mitigation meets the requirements of Subsection (5) by July 1, 1995.
(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter:

(a) a municipality imposing impact fees to fund fire trucks as of the effective date of this

act may impose impact fees for fire trucks until July 1, 1997; and

(b) an impact fee to pay for a public safety facility that is a fire suppression vehicle may

not be imposed with respect to land that has a zoning designation other than commercial.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a local political subdivision

may impose and collect impact fees on behalf of a school district if authorized by Section

53A-20-100.5.

(9) An impact fee enactment may not take effect until 90 days after it is enacted.

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